



Council Neighborhoods Committee Programs

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- Mountain View has two popular programs that encourage communication between the City and residents and between neighbors
 - Neighborhood Grant Program
 - Neighborhood Meetings
- The Council Neighborhoods Committee (CNC) consists of three Councilmembers who the Mayor appoints for 1 year terms



Neighborhood Grants Program

- Started 15 years ago
- First few years 6-9 grant applications – last few years 14-19 applications
- Grants have provided funding to start 8 new neighborhood associations
- Grants are used for neighborhood picnics and ice cream socials, website development, newsletters and similar activities



Neighborhood Grants Program

- Informal neighborhood groups and larger neighborhood associations are eligible
- Original budget was \$10,000 annually – currently \$30,000 annually
- Maximum grant is \$3.00 per household up to a maximum of \$1,500 per group or association
- Neighborhoods are reimbursed for expenditures when receipts are submitted to the City

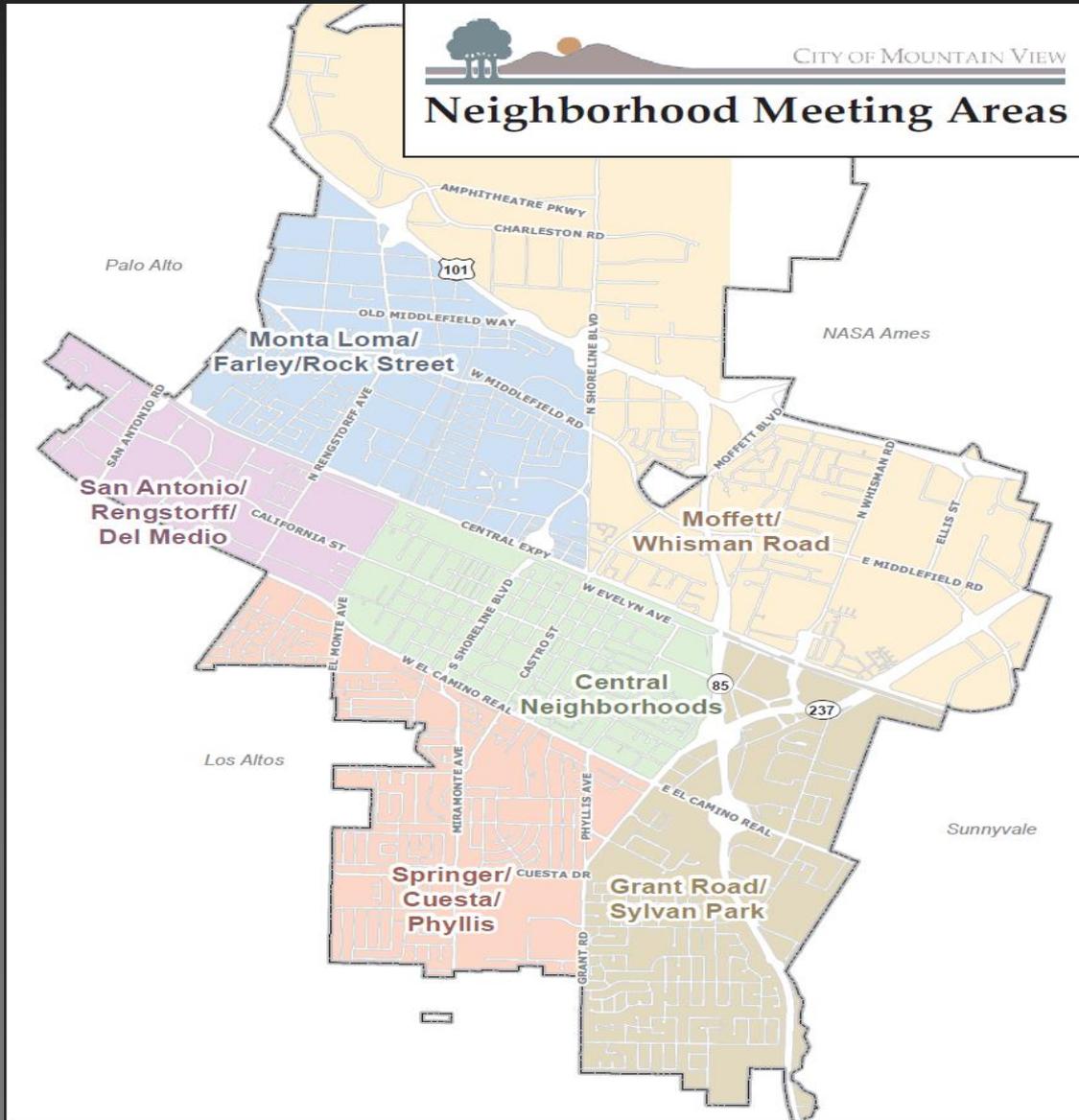


Neighborhood Networking Event

- CNC hosts a networking event prior to their meeting to award neighborhood grants
- Intent is to bring together neighborhood leaders to share ideas and information
- Event includes buffet dinner and often a short presentation



Neighborhood Meetings





Neighborhood Meetings

- Opportunity for residents to ask questions or make requests to Councilmembers and City staff
- Meetings are held in the neighborhood area at schools or public facilities
- Attendance includes about 20 City staff members from 7 departments, including the City Manager
- 40 to 90 residents attend each meeting



Neighborhood Meeting Format

- CNC presents a 15 minute neighborhood update
- Neighborhood Associations are given the opportunity to introduce themselves
- Most of the meeting is reserved for questions and answers
- A follow-up meeting report goes to everyone attending with responses to questions not answered at the meeting
- Staff follows through on requests for services or information



- Both programs are appreciated by the community and improve communication between City residents and City hall
- Neighborhood grants are a chance for the City to give back to residents and strengthen their neighborhoods
- Neighborhood meetings put a face on City Hall and create an positive opportunity for residents to meet with Councilmembers and City staff